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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER WILLESEE'S CANDIDACY FOR
UNGA PRESIDENCY

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1. GOA UNDER LEADERSHIP OF WHITLAM AND CAIRNS APPEARS MOST LIKELY TO CONTINUE PERIODICAL STATEMENTS AND ACTIONS SUPPORTING INTERESTS OF NORTH VIETNAM AND CAMBODIAN INSURGENTS. THIS IS IN SPITE OF ADVICE OF THEIR OWN FOREIGN AFFAIRS PROFESSIONALS AND IN SPITE OF MANY US APPEALS BEFORE THE FACT AND PROTESTS AFTER IT, AND IN SPITE OF THEIR APPRECIATION THAT INDOCHINA IS AREA OF DIRECT INTEREST TO USG.

2. TO DATE, WHITLAM HAS BEEN ABLE TO INDULGE HIS DOGMATIC VIEWS ON INDOCHINA, WHICH LABOR PARTY NURTURED DURING YEARS OF OPPOSITION, WITHOUT REAL COST BEYOND OUR ORAL COMPLAINTS. SHOULD DEPARTMENT WISH TO SUGGEST THAT SUCH CONDUCT IN THE FUTURE MAY ENTAIL SUBSTANTIVE COST, WILLESEE CANDIDACY FOR UNGA PRESIDENCY PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY (ESPECIALLY SINCE WE APPEAR ON VERGE OF SUPPORTING LUXEMBOURG'S THORN ANYWAY).

3. DEPARTMENT AT SENIOR LEVEL MIGHT INFORM
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AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR THAT US HAD DECIDED TO SUPPORT

THORN, ACCOMPANYING THIS ANNOUNCEMENT BY DELICATE
SUGGESTION THAT WE HOPE FOR UNDERSTANDING FROM
"WESTERN AND OTHER" CANDIDATE ON ISSUES OF CENTRAL
CONCERN TO US AND THAT WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE
CONSISTENTLY TO RELY UPON GOA IN PAST TWO YEARS.
IN THIS CONNECTION, NOTE THAT WILLESEE HIMSELF DID
NOT STAND UP AGAINST TERRIGAL RESOLUTION APPROVING
PRG INFORMATION OFFICE. IN FACT, WILLESEE SPOKE
ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF CAREFUL TIMING IN PROCEEDING
WITH STEPS TOWARD RECOGNITION OF PRG. WILLESEE
IS PERSONALLY COMMITTED TO EXPULSION OF SOUTH AFRICA
FROM UN, AND GIVEN CURRENT AUSTRALIAN PREDILECTION
FOR COURTING NONALIGNED HIS UNGA PRESIDENCY MIGHT
PROVIDE REAL DIFFICULTIES FOR US.
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